

Title (en)  
Printer and ink cartridge attached thereto

Title (de)  
Drucker mit zugeordneter Tintenkassette

Title (fr)  
Imprimante avec cartouche à encre associée

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Abstract (en)  
In a printer (1) of the present invention, an EEPROM that carries out sequential access and has a small storage capacity is applied for storage element (80) mounted on both black and color ink cartridges (107K, 107F). Data relating to each ink cartridge (107K, 107F), for example, data on remaining quantities of respective inks in the ink cartridge (107K, 107F), are stored as 8-bit data in the storage element (80) of the ink cartridge (107K, 107F). A print controller (40) incorporated in the printer (1) has an EEPROM (90), in which the data relating to the ink cartridges (107K, 107F) are stored as 32-bit data are used for the subsequent processing. In the case of replacement of one ink cartridge (107K, 107F) with another, on the other hand, the 8-bit data are used for the subsequent processing. This arrangement of the invention enables the data relating to the ink cartridges (107K, 107F), for example, the data on the remaining quantities of the respective inks in the ink cartridges (107K, 107F) to be processed accurately even when a storage unit of a small storage capacity is applied for the storage elements (80) mounted on the ink cartridges (107K, 107F).  
<IMAGE>

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